

**Developmental Disabilities Council**  
**Public Policy Committee**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**September 16, 2004**

Present: Diana Zottman, B.J. Flaherty (co-chairs), Janet Adams, Bill Anderson, Kim Blume, Connee Bush, Larry Garman, Phil Jordan. David Kludt, Lori Flood, Sheri Huwe, Sara McQueed, Michael Raymond, George Walker, Julie Williamson-Purdy

Absent: Angie Brothers

Staff: Donna Patrick

Call to Order/Adjustments to Agenda/Approval of Minutes

B.J. called the meeting to order. The agenda was adjusted to switch the discussion of choice with the legislative issues re-vote.

**MOTION: The Public Policy Committee approves the July minutes as written. Moved by Mike R. and seconded by Sara. Motion passed.**

Policy No. 103 RHCs – History

Ed explained the history of the Council's policy on RHC consolidation. It was in response to the Council's federal agency, which wanted all Council's to have firm, clear policy on consolidation and community.

### Discussion on Choice Reading 04-P8

The group discussed what “choice” means in many contexts. There were questions about the unserved, assessments, special education, waivers, active treatment, quality assurance, values and costs for serving people in RHCs versus the community.

### Federal Issues

A handout was made available. There were not any significant changes on federal issues.

### Council Re-Vote on Legislative Issues Council Reading 04-12

Donna explained that the Council would be re-voting on the Legislative Issues list Friday because the vote in July included a new item (consolidation) that had not been on the published agenda.

### Family Support/Respite/VPP Reading 04-P9

The group reviewed the DD Parent Coalition’s proposed draft on Family Support and discussed the need for family support and community respite.

### DDD Update

Janet reviewed the Division’s budget and policy requests that have been submitted to OFM, the Governor’s budget office. These requests are called decision packages. DDD is requesting an additional \$112 million for “maintenance” (continuing what they are already doing plus mandatory caseload increases, such as for Medicaid Personal Care) and an additional \$73 million for enhancements, called

“performance level”. There were questions about costs of care, the Children’s CARE assessment and respite hours. The distinction was made that respite care is not childcare. Childcare cannot be paid for under Medicaid Personal Care. Janet suggested viewing the “Welcome to ADSA” power point presentation.

### Legislative Issues

Donna reviewed a handout on additional legislative issues to consider. The handout also included information on Washington State’s tax structure. Issues the Committee discussed supporting included:

- Increased funding for the state Parent-to-Parent program – very valuable to some people but only one of several valuable organizations; request that they build bridges with self-advocates. Support
- Vendor rates – Support / covered by Council Agenda
- Disabilities Ombudsman – expansion of Long-Term Care Ombudsman to include in-home care providers. More study, including history of ombud’s bills
- Child Care under Medicaid Personal Care – clarification that respite care is not a replacement for child care while the guardian is at work, regardless of the age of the child
- Enhanced Residential Facilities / New licensure category – locked facilities for people who are extremely difficult to serve. No position

A new issue was suggested: requiring school personnel and MPC providers (individual and agency) to take first-aid and CPR training.

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History of ombudsman bills

Legislative issues

Federal issues